## **ABSTRACT**

A topical composition for the treatment of acne vulgaris or acne rosacea comprises an amount of nicotinamide and less than 1% by weight of nicotinic acid. The composition is more effective in the treatment of acne than the same composition would be without the nicotinic acid. A method of treating acne vulgaris or acne rosacea comprises the topical application of a composition comprising nicotinamide and less than 1% by weight of nicotinic acid.